

The present program of Oscaviakhim includes the training and protection of the population against atomic air raids. Oscaviakhim aims only at the discipline of the people; the preparation of such defenses as "insulation layers" in shelters is being left to scientists. At present, sham maneuvers are held for those people in strategic areas who would need shelter or would have to be moved away rapidly, and personnel is being trained in the detection of radio-activity. The training is similar to that for chamical warfare.

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Comment: Oscaviakhim, "Society for the Defense of the Soviet Union and the Development of the Aviation and Chemical Industries", is an "athletic" organization which fosters sports, glider training, air raid and chemical warfare defense, marksmanship, model airplane construction, short wave radio training, etc., and sometimes goes on maneuvers with the Soviet Army. Formed on 23 January 1927 by the merger of the "Oso" and "Avialchim" organizations, it has become an important auxiliary to military training, although theoretically it remains a voluntary civilian organization.)

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